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"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest . . . shall not cease." Gen. 8:22.

# Glad Tidings

## We Are Thankful

America as a whole is ready once again to observe its own distinctive holiday. Not the birthday of a political leader, nor the anniversary of a military triumph, nor even the anniversary of a religious event, this holiday, inaugurated as a day of worship and thanksgiving for the meager necessities the very early settlers found in the new land, is perpetuated through the years by succeeding generations and is readily taken up by the later comers to our land.

Steeped in a comparatively still-young tradition, this American holiday gives pause to the busy routine of everyday living. And to those who will listen, it speaks in soft inner whispers that to receive from the bountiful hand of kind circumstances, taking the goodness of a land of plenty for granted, is not the best of attitudes either ethically or, much less, spiritually. For to the believing soul, the author of all good gifts is God. The Bible says: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father . . ." —(James 1:17)

The Psalmist wrote: "Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." (100:4). An attitude for the act of worship. In the soil of thanksgiving grows the stalk

of living faith, which bears the blossom of spiritual worship.

We are thankful for many things. As a country, for the fact that war has not yet struck our shores; we pray it never will. As a state, for the fact that in a country of opportunities and good living, we are in a part of it that in many ways has more of the good, natural blessings than any other part. As a District of the Assemblies of God, that the Lord has been pleased to prosper our programs for service; our Bible school is in its new quarters, in a beauty spot of California; our Sunday schools and churches are growing; and the home missions work in remote sections is still functioning—gospel lighthouses in the darkness of unchurched and unevangelized areas. As individual Christians, that the Lord has been pleased to bring us through another year, supplying every temporal need, and lending spiritual grace and strength to help each face his problems and perplexities with the poise born of faith and assurance in the ever-present Lord, Who, as the Great Shepherd, remains with His flock in fair weather and stormy, keeping each until the day He calls him for the further service He intends.

—M. M.

### THANKSGIVING

I thank my God for songbirds sweet,  
For skies of blue,  
For friends I meet.

I praise His name for loving care,  
For home, sweet home,  
For loved ones there.

And for salvation full and free;  
His only Son  
Was slain for me!

Upon the cross He bled and died,  
The cruel sword  
Thrust in His side!

But I—fain would I hang my head—  
The many things  
I've left unsaid.

The little deed I might have done,  
A soul for Him  
I might have won!

How oft we fall along our way  
Failing our Lord,  
Neglect to pray.

But praise be to His Holy name—  
He never forgets  
He's e'er the same!

—Selected

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### BLESSING

For comfort after sadness,  
And healing after pain;  
For smiles after frowning,  
And rainbows after rain—  
We thank Thee, Lord!

For smiles of little children,  
And handclasps firm and strong;  
For faith, and friends, and freedom  
And every righted wrong—  
We thank Thee, Lord!

For fellowship with Jesus,  
And heaven's blest abode;  
For knowledge that He'll greet us  
At the end of life's hard road—  
We thank Thee, Lord!

—Ruth M. Williams.

### PRAYER — ANSWER

At first I prayed for light:  
Could I but see the way,  
How gladly, swiftly would I walk  
To everlasting day!

And next I prayed for strength:  
That I might tread the road  
With firm unfaltering feet, and win  
The heaven's serene abode.

And then I asked for faith:  
Could I but trust my God,  
I'd live enfolded in His peace,  
Though fears were all abroad.

But now I pray for love:  
Deep love to God and man;  
A living love that will not fail,  
However dark the plan.

And light, and strength and faith  
Are opening everywhere!  
God only waited for me till  
I prayed the larger prayer.

—Ednah D. Cheney

### TO THE END

A young clergyman, who had ministered amid rough, seafaring men in Devonshire, England, for twenty-four years, became at last weakened in health and threatened with consumption. He was obliged to leave the harsh climate of the sea village for the kinder warmth of Southern Europe. But, as he was about to leave the country, he was seized with an irresistible impulse to talk to his faithful flock once more. At great risk to his health he succeeded in delivering an inspiring sermon to his tearful people.

That night the impulse fell upon him and he set down the hymn that we all know today—

*O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee:  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

Next day he set out for Nice, and within the month had died, saying at the end, "Joy! Peace!" This man was Henry Francis Lyte, author of other hymns, and a noble and sincere man of God. Nobody will doubt the sincerity of his last great hymn, written in the face of death. Men and women capable of feeling will always find a catch in their throats when the organ breathes that moving song upward while the voices swell the cadences. — CHRISTIAN HERALD

Some other ways of . . .

## Quenching the Spirit

by Nelson E. Hinman

The title is a term that is often used in our Pentecostal churches. It is important that we who use it so often have some Bible-based information on the subject. Not a great deal is said about it, in so many words, in the New Testament.

In Ephesians 4:30 we find the phrase, "Grieve not the Spirit." And by several other references in the New Testament we learn that men can, by their actions, resist the Holy Spirit. Stephen said to a certain group of men, "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost." On another occasion we find an apostle telling of a people who were "doing despite to," that is to say, insulting the Spirit of Grace. Thus, according to the Scriptures some have been guilty of resisting, grieving, insulting or quenching the Holy Spirit.

I trust the reader will not be too technical for this is one subject where we cannot afford to quarrel over terms. I am sure we can all agree that whether we use the word *resisting, grieving, or quenching* the Holy Spirit, we mean to say that He, the third person of the Trinity, is being limited or hindered or otherwise having His work made difficult. Or to use still another term we might mean hampering the moving of the Spirit. In other words whether we use the word *resisting, grieving, or quenching*, we will find that it is just three ways of expressing about the same thing. One word may be stronger than the other, but still the meaning is very much the same. I know of no other denomination that uses the term "quenching the Spirit" as do we Pentecostal people. Therefore, we ought to know what the Bible has to say about this matter.

I greatly fear this term is applied to almost everything under heaven except that to which the Bible applies it. We most often use this term in describing the failure of some person or persons to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in the manner of physical manifestations. I think I can illustrate this fact with the story of a lady who was conversing with me recently. She was in great distress of mind. She said she had quenched the Holy Spirit. She felt terrible about it. She said that in a certain service she had felt moved to bring a message in tongues but she did not know whether to do so or not. Finally she decided against it. As a result, later on she felt she had quenched the Spirit, and she was in great distress about it. Then, there was another person who told me that he felt so exhilarated during a certain service that he felt like shouting or dancing for joy but he did not, and as a result he was considerably disturbed in his mind, for he too felt that he had grieved the Spirit. I have heard others

refer to incidents where they felt they had failed to give an interpretation to a message in tongues, and they wondered if they had quenched the Spirit.

I do think it is possible to quench the Holy Spirit in matters concerning gifts of the Spirit and in other Spiritual demonstrations, but I do not believe either of the aforementioned persons were doing so.

The Holy Spirit's presence does often bring physical manifestations in the lives of people. Just the other night one of our most modest young ladies, one of the most retiring in our assembly, while in prayer was so moved by the Holy Spirit that her whole being reacted in a manner that she would have deemed sheer fanaticism to this occasion, but having had the experience she personally knew it to be of God. It is possible at such times to quench the Spirit, but here is what I want to maintain. The Bible does not have a thing to say about such matters. Not once does the Bible refer directly or pointedly to such things, to indicate that failure on the part of a person can be termed an act that will quench the Spirit. Not once does the Bible indicate that if a person fails to bring a message in tongues that he has quenched the Spirit, nor does it say that a person who fails to interpret a message in tongues has quenched the Spirit. By inference and by suggestion we understand that it is possible to do so, but still the fact remains that the Bible doesn't plainly say so.

But on the other hand, the Bible has a lot to say about other things that can be accurately termed resisting, grieving, or quenching the Holy Spirit, and it definitely states that to do so is a serious matter indeed. We should all have good, scriptural information on this matter lest we be found straining at a gnat while gulping down a camel.

The following little incident will illustrate what I mean. Someone said to me, "If I ever feel moved to bring a message in tongues, I do not care where I am or under what conditions, I am going to do it; I will never grieve the Holy Spirit in such a matter." But that same person I personally know is daily guilty of grieving the Holy Spirit in other fashions, daily violating the express commands of the Word of God, while exceedingly careful and fearful concerning the other side of the picture. Thus straining at a gnat while swallowing a camel—exceedingly jealous and zealous for certain human traditions yet very slack in standing for what God's Word has to say about other matters.

Let us be clearly understood that when I use the term "quenching the Spirit" I

am also including all the other words that we find in the Scriptures that indicate a limiting or hindering the actions of the Holy Ghost.

Our information can be found in the fourth chapter of Ephesians. In the first two verses Paul writes, "*I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering forbearing one another in love.*" Here Paul is referring to the Christian's walk before the world.

In the third verse Paul pleads for unity. He writes, "*Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*" In this verse we find a reference to the Christian's walk, not before the world, but before the body of believers. In verses four through thirteen, Paul continues his argument for unity by pointing to the fact that when God gave ministers, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to the church, He did so for the perfecting of the saints, for the working of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ till we all come in the unity of the faith.

In the fourteenth and fifteenth verses Paul introduces a new thought. Here he pleads for Christian growth. "*Be no more children,*" he says, "*carried about with every wind of doctrine by the slight of men.*" But, on the other hand, "*speaking the truth in love, grow up into Him in all things.*" In the following verses he gives arguments and instruction on Christian growth. In the thirtieth verse we learn that it is failure in the three mentioned matters that grieve the Holy Spirit. That is to say, when one, by an unworthy walk before the world, brings reproach on the cause of God, He grieves, or quenches the Holy Spirit. Secondly, by actions that tend to bring discord into the church rather than unity, one grieves or quenches the Holy Spirit. And thirdly, by failure to grow—by remaining forever a child, rather than daily growing up into Him—one can grieve, or quench the Holy Spirit.

Let us enlarge a little on these three thoughts. Many a person who would not think of grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit with regard to some physical manifestation will blow up, as it were, on the job and thus do more damage to the cause of Christ in a few minutes than ever could have done by remaining silent regarding a demonstration in the house of God. We all need to beware lest we quench the work of the Holy Spirit in some sinner's life. Where possibly the Holy Spirit is kindling little fires of conviction, kindling a warmth toward Christianity and Christ. But how often does someone, by a walk unworthy of the vocation wherewith he was called, quench that little fire. I met a man just the other day who was soured on Christianity just because some professing Christian who

owed him a small sum of money had skipped the country without paying it. This professing Christian, by this unworthy act, had quenched the work of the Holy Ghost in this man's life. I maintain that more people are quenching the Holy Spirit's work in the hearts of sinners than will ever quench the third person of the Trinity by failure in responding to physical manifestations in the house of God.

Now consider the Holy Spirit's efforts to unify the believers. Note that in this verse the word *endeavoring* is used when the Christian is told of his part in maintaining unity. We are to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit. This speaks of effort. We all know that there are many classes of personalities, and there is a constant tendency for clashes to exist between them. We all meet with that problem, and because of this we are required to make an effort to keep unity; that is, if we must disagree with our fellow man we must do so without being disagreeable. We are to follow after peace, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit. That is to say, we as Christians are custodians of the Spirit's work in this matter. But there are some people who, in spite of all the Bible says, in spite of all that reason and conscience dictates, just will not get along with others. They will not give an inch. They are determined to have their own way at any cost and all costs. Their feelings must be safely guarded. Their aims and will must be justified. Such attitudes never tend to unity. How often we find some person like that who seems to be totally unaware of what the Bible has to say on this matter, and yet they feel that because they are very sensitive to every opportunity to speak with tongues, or to interpret, or to do some other thing of a similar nature in God's house that they have never grieved the Spirit. I insist that many a person is more guilty of grieving the Holy Spirit by contributing to discord and disunity than ever will be guilty of grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit in matters that involve what we term manifestation. Let it be remembered that the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the apostle, through the prophet, through the evangelist, through the pastor, through the teacher is to bring all into the unity of the faith. Therefore, any act on the part of any man that tends to frustrate, limit, hinder, or hamper such activity is a definite grieving of the Holy Ghost and a definite quenching of the Spirit of the living God.

Now, briefly consider the matter of Christian growth. Here and elsewhere throughout the New Testament we are constantly urged to grow in grace, but how many people never avail themselves of the means whereby such Christian growth can be obtained. After five, ten fifteen, or twenty years of serving God

they are still like the children of Israel in the desert, wandering in an endless circle, never knowing what it means to go over Jordan into Canaan's land of promise; never knowing what it means to become a mature, well developed Christian. By constantly pampering temper and anger, by corrupt conversation, by bitterness evil speaking, and malice they remain children even as Paul stated to the Corinthians, saying, "*Brethren, I could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ.*" Here we learn that all carnality indicates babyhood. It's when we put away these things, put them down, put them off, that we are able to grow into Him. The Holy Spirit, I verily believe, is bringing every effort to bear on every life urging this Christian growth, kindling a fire of desire by sermon, by circumstance, by every means possible, bringing forth vows of determination from the hearts of many people who

frequently say, "Oh, God, now it's going to be different." But they, by their folly, put that fire out, thus quenching, grieving, limiting, resisting the Holy One of Israel. Frequently these same persons are terribly afraid not to bring a message in tongues or not to interpret lest they grieve the Holy Spirit. Thus they strain at a gnat while gulping down a camel.

If you have been walking before the world in an unworthy fashion, if you have contributed to the disunity of the church, if you have failed to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, you have grieved and quenched the Holy Spirit to a certain degree. Let us all learn to be extremely sensitive to the Spirit, knowing when to speak and when to keep silent in the matters of the gifts. On the other hand, (1) let us be careful to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, (2) let us earnestly endeavor to maintain the unity of the Spirit, (3) and let us grow in Him.

#### BE THANKFUL

These days may seem a bit depressin'  
To pay your bills may keep you guessin',  
But jes' remember all your blessin',

#### BE THANKFUL.

If you are broke, an' hafta borer,  
Perhaps you'll get a job to-morrer,  
An' soon you will fergit your sorrer,

#### BE THANKFUL.

Suppose you lose your little savin'  
There hain't no use o' misbehavin',  
So stop your foolishness, an' ravin'.

#### BE THANKFUL.

If you have strength to keep a toilin',  
Your hands with honest labor soolin',  
An' you kin keep your pot a boilin'.

#### BE THANKFUL.

Suppose your turkey is a chicken,  
There hain't no earthly use o' kickin',  
Ef you complain you need a lickin',

#### BE THANKFUL.

There's many a feller eatin' liver,  
And glad to git jes' one small sliver,  
An' ride around in his ol' flivver,

#### BE THANKFUL.

For things that come to try an prove you,  
For those who ever fondly love you,  
For skies o' blue that smile above you,

#### BE THANKFUL.

For grace an' strength to keep a livin',  
For joys of sacrifice an' givin',  
Upon this wonderful Thanksgivin',

#### BE THANKFUL.

—Mrs. B. Hatfield  
Church of Christ Advocate

#### SONG OF WORTH

George Matheson was a native of Scotland, a man of great religious energy and spiritual strength, but one who from early youth was partially blind. Later his eyesight left him completely, a tragic affliction to one so ambitious and so eager a scholar. His sermons he memorized, as also the passages of the Bible which he used. Strangers, hearing this earnest young man with the forward-looking eyes and the message of great truth and inspiration, often went away without knowing that the sermon had been delivered by a blind preacher.

During his pastorate at Innellan in Scotland, when he was in his fortieth year, he found one evening as he sat alone in the manse that a hymn of great beauty was singing itself inside him. He quickly took a pencil and wrote:

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:*

*When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,*

*Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

As long as men continue to hold themselves open for divine inspiration, just so long will there continue to be music of power and depth, and the ability to move a people to tears, to joy, to moments of high endeavor. We need not worry that music of slight and mediocre talent is abroad in the land. There are many people who do not try to get beyond that type, and many who are not yet ready for the higher music.

Let us, then, love the best, and give unworthy music the benefit of our casual disregard!

—Christian Herald

# A Going Sunday School Is Big Business

by Paul Copeland  
at the District Sunday School Convention

The Sunday school is having a round-the-calander revival. The Sunday school is our first line of defense. What makes the Assemblies of God Sunday schools go forward? The Spirit-filled people who are working in our schools. We have the moving and operation of the Holy Ghost in our midst. Our foundation is upon the Word of God.

"Occupy (do business) till I come" (Luke 19:13). See Luke 2:49 and Romans 12:11. The command is that we should trade or do business continually until the Lord gets here. Is this part of God's work big business? Yes!! Here is a story that lived then and lives now. The boy was introduced to Mr. Kimball, who was a Sunday school teacher with the life of Christ within. He was concerned about the boy; in fact, so concerned that he made his way down to the store, and went to where the boy was repairing shoes and talked to him. Mr. Kimball later said, "I don't know what I said to him, but I do know he found Christ." This boy was L. D. Moody, who said, "I can feel his arm around my shoulder yet."

*Our Sunday Schools are Big Business*

The Assemblies of God Sunday schools has had an increase of 200,000 in average attendance in the past five years. We see that in the past 12 years there were some 50,000 people led to the Lord through our Sunday schools. That is indeed big business and we are in it. Do you know why there are more officers, teachers, and pupils in America than in the whole world? Why the gospel is reaching more than ever before? Because Sunday school is big business. The story is told of John Wannamaker, who was known as the greatest merchant in all of the United States. His business in one place was estimated to be worth 18 million dollars. The first investment he every made was when he worked in the Black Hills. He invested his money in a little red bound Bible for \$2.25, and finished paying for it on the installment plan. He was the superintendent of the Sunday school that he founded, which before Wannamaker died, had enrolled 5,700 people. Wannamaker said, "The biggest business I was ever in was the Sunday school."

A pastor knows the tremendous responsibility that lies within his Sunday school for further development. "I must be about my Father's business." The Lord knew that He was put here on earth for a purpose and not just for fun and fooling around. Every child should grow up to realize that he is here for a purpose and should have love for God at an early age. He must be about His

Father's business, not being slothful. We must serve Jesus and work until He comes. This business is different from some. This is truly honest business. Working to improve God's work, clean and unselfish, free from all our own earthly desires.

When a key position is open in the business world, the word *brainy* is seldom heard but when we look for one to fill a job, here are the words used; loyalty, reliability, industry, cooperation. Not a great number of initials after our names, not that we have a great education, these are not the things that really count in Sunday school. What really counts are loyalty, reliability, industry, cooperation. These four qualities we should find in Christ-filled men and women who want to see the work go forward.

## Definiteness is Vital—

There is a need of definite planning, definite in beginning Sunday school, definite in agreements, definite with a program that will really work. Not a careless method, but a definite program. One way of going broke is to bring false pride in. Some have so much self-assurance that they will not pursue action until they are bankrupt. Someone has warned: "Be careful what rut you get in, you might be in it for the next 25 miles."

If you want to make money in the business world, you will find there is more money to be made in specialization than in generalizing. For Jesus' sake, and for the sake of the pupils, continue in that job in which you are a specialist. People in our local churches who are specialists in certain positions can shed forth the light until none can pass through the Sunday school without the touch of Jesus on their lives. The suc-

cessful man is the one who can direct all departments without overemphasizing any particular one. I wouldn't have a person on the staff that wasn't interested in the life of the entire program.

## Alertness—

Alertness on our part is essential in order that we might build complete people. It's tragedy to see an underdeveloped child—a little heart that cannot cope with situations. Stop, look, and remember! Some people have worn out our altars getting saved and backsliding. Many are going around in circles. We must have well balanced boys and girls so that when they are older they will be pillars instead of pillows. We are in the most important business that the world has ever known. Christ in the Sunday school is the only answer to expanding our business.

The laborer wants his check immediately. The capitalist has the patience to wait for the pay-off. We are in a big business. It may take patience, perseverance, and pouring out of our energies for weeks, months, and even years seemingly without results. But the time will come when we will see things done. Do not lower your standards even for a moment. We must not cut corners, or we will lose our people.

## To Rest is to Lose—

When the heart rests the beat, death comes in. When anything rests it gives out, whatever it may be. To rest is to die. The Assemblies of God must not rest.

We need family Sunday school revivals. Many churches have turned modern and ineffective without Christ. We must make this thing spiritually contagious.

## Appearances—

Displays, building, lighting, ventilation. We must have efficiency in our Sunday school. The Sunday school must have capital, facilities, staff, financial backing, equipment, building, personnel. When we get to heaven we will be held accountable, for the one who opens the books will determine why every lost soul went to hell. We must have plenty of power in Pentecost. The Assemblies of God have brought in 100,000 Sunday school members in the past five years. The Assemblies of God have been instrumental in reaching those on the outside who need to be won for Christ.

Nothing will take the place of this convention. We will leave this place either better or worse. To have a great revival our churches must be spiritual.



Lord, give me grace  
To take the lowest place;  
Nor even desire,  
Unless it be Thy will,  
To go up higher.

—C. Rosetti

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God does not count our prayers, He  
weighs them.

# The Breath of the Almighty

by J. Narver Gortner

The tendency of human nature is to rely upon man, upon flesh rather than spirit. And this, of course, is because we have material bodies and that which is accomplished in the world appears to be accomplished through the material rather than through the spiritual. Israel, when menaced by the Assyrians, looked to Egypt for help, as Egypt had chariots, horses and horsemen, and the people vainly believed deliverance could be found from that source. But they were reminded by God that the horses of Egypt were flesh and not spirit, and that it was vain to expect deliverance apart from God who was mighty to save and Who hears the cries of those who are in need of deliverance if they are His true worshipers and are shaping their lives in accordance with the divine standard which has been set forth in His Word.

It is not difficult for God to render assistance. We often speak of His making bare His mighty arm. We often say that there is power in His words, that all He has to do is to speak, and the results are achieved for concerning the creation we read that "He spake and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast." But recently I have been impressed in my thinking with the fact that there is great power, unlimited power, in His breath. It was this breath, "the breath of the Almighty," that gave life to Adam after his body had been divinely fashioned out of the dust of the earth. We read that God breathed into His nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. Life, then, is a production of the breath of God. Elihu was right when he said, "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life." Job 33:4.

And here it should be said that He who has created can destroy. It has been asserted that, since man is the offspring of God, he is essentially immortal. But is this sound reasoning? If man is immortal, he is not immortal because God created him, and breathed into His nostrils the breath of life, but because God has so decreed, and the decrees of God necessarily stand. God who has given life can certainly destroy life. In Isaiah 30:33 the breath of the Lord is likened

to "a stream of brimstone," and we know how destructive such a stream can be, and how helpless man is as such a stream comes pouring out of the top of a volcano that is erupting and comes in a veritable river down its slopes, leaving nothing but complete destruction in its wake. In Isaiah 11:4 we are told that when our Lord shall come to establish His kingdom here upon earth "with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked." And this corresponds with what Paul tells us concerning the destruction of Antichrist, concerning whom he asserts that the Lord shall consume him with the spirit of His mouth and shall destroy him with the brightness of His coming.

We often ask the Lord in our prayers to breathe upon us. I have been thinking that is very important indeed that our hearts be right in the sight of God when we thus pray, for if they are not right, and He answers our prayer and breathes upon us the result is likely to be quite different from that which we desire. Surely we do not want "a stream of brimstone" to come upon us. It was fire and brimstone rained from God out of heaven that destroyed the cities of the plain in the days of Abraham and Lot and God has only to breathe upon wicked men and there will be similar destruction. So, when we ask God to breathe upon us, let us be sure that when He answers our prayer His breath will be life-giving rather than destructive in its nature.

After our Lord had risen from the dead He appeared, as the risen Lord, to His disciples, and told them that as the Father had sent Him He was now sending them, and then we read that He breathed upon them, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." The Spirit did not come upon them immediately. The time for the outpouring of the Spirit had not yet come. And so we read that "when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place, and suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the place where they were sitting, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and they

were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." It seems likely that the disciples fully understood, after their Lord had breathed upon them, and had said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," that they were to tarry for the fulfillment of the promise and the coming of the Comforter. Our Lord may have made this plain to them at the time, for we must remember that He said many things to them that have not been recorded in the Scriptures. His breathing upon them undoubtedly strengthened their faith so that the enemy was not able to successfully discourage them during the period of their waiting for the endowment of power from on high.

I have heard of a preacher—a well-meaning preacher, it may be—who, as seekers for the Baptism in the Spirit tarried at the altar, walked past them and breathed upon them, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." If any of the seekers received the Baptism they undoubtedly received it in spite of what the preacher had done rather than as a result of it. We should not forget that our Lord who breathed upon the disciples was God as well as man, "God manifest in the flesh." He had said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Therefore His breath was "the breath of the Almighty," and it is no wonder the disciples were filled and had power afterwards, such power as their adversaries were not able to gainsay or successfully resist.

Let no man among us imitate this preacher I have mentioned, or foolishly endeavor to imitate the Lord by breathing upon people and telling them to receive the Holy Ghost. Let us all remember that the Baptiser in the Holy Spirit is the Lord Jesus Christ, and that He knows when people are in a fit condition to be filled, and that when they are in such a condition, wholly empty, and fully yielded, the Spirit will come upon them and they will be filled with the Holy Ghost even as the disciples were filled at the beginning. The breath of man is ineffectual. "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils, for wherein is he to be accounted of?" But the breath of the Lord is "the breath of the Almighty." Oh, that we may be in a fit condition for Him to breath upon us, and that by "the breath of the Almighty" we may be duly empowered for service!

33rd Annual . . .

## DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

January 30, 31 and February 1, 2, 1951

Civic Auditorium

Stockton, California



# The District Council

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**W. T. GASTON**  
Superintendent

**C. E. PERSING**  
Ass't Superintendent

**R. J. THURMOND**  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Still Helping the New School

Receipts for the new Bible school buildings have slowed up somewhat, though there is still good co-operation being shown. For this we are indeed grateful. However, more mances are greatly needed and must be secured to finish the buildings and to meet the costs already incurred. Please pray earnestly that these needs will be met. Below are shown the gifts received from September 26 to October 25. In many cases these are additions to contributions already made. Where this is the case, the new total is also shown.

*From Churches*

(New total)

Aptos Wayside Church - - - - -	\$ 40.00	\$ 66.64
Auburn Full Gospel - - - - -	20.00	
Berkeley Assembly - - - - -	101.84	
Burlingame Assembly - - - - -	200.00	296.94
Escalon Assembly - - - - -	25.00	650.00
Gilroy Glad Tidings - - - - -	25.00	175.00
Herlong Assembly - - - - -	22.00	
Hollister Full Gospel - - - - -	11.00	168.50
Manteca Glad Tidings S. S. - - - - -	25.00	
Merced Assembly - - - - -	30.00	60.00
Modesto Airport Assembly - - - - -	50.00	
Morgan Hill Full Gospel - - - - -	250.00	565.81
Napa Full Gospel - - - - -	45.00	131.18
Oakdale Bethel - - - - -	50.00	
Oakland Revival Tabernacle - - - - -	100.00	
Portola Assembly - - - - -	10.00	
Richmond Full Gospel - - - - -	30.00	988.71
San Francisco Glad Tidings - - - - -	15.00	1,601.67
San Jose Calvary - - - - -	25.58	325.58
San Jose First Assembly - - - - -	25.58	264.60
Sunnyvale First Assembly - - - - -	150.00	500.00
Watsonville (Pajaro) Full Gospel - - - - -	10.00	115.00

*From Other Groups*

G. T. B. I. Veterans' Club - - - - -	31.35	3,763.67
No. San Joaquin C.A. Jubilee Rally - - - - -	18.00	86.00
Oakland Bethel W.M.C. - - - - -	50.00	

(For room furnishings)

*From Individuals*

J. W. Belchar, Gilroy - - - - -	10.00	85.00
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Paul V. Belchar, San Francisco - - - - -	25.00	
Gordon S. Blay, Stirling City - - - - -	40.50	
W. D. Clonts, Santa Cruz - - - - -	5.00	30.00
F. T. Curry, San Jose - - - - -	20.00	60.00
Ruby O. Curtis, Wilton - - - - -	15.00	25.00
Lowell E. Dowdy, Santa Cruz - - - - -	25.00	
Chas. L. Elmes - - - - -	10.00	30.00
B. C. Finfrock, Ukiah - - - - -	10.00	40.00
R. C. Fulmer, Woodland - - - - -	10.00	30.00
J. L. Gerhart, Vallejo - - - - -	25.00	
Mrs. Pearl Goodwin, Ukiah - - - - -	50.00	55.00
Robert A. Haight, Sacramento - - - - -	100.00	
C. J. Hodges, Seaside - - - - -	12.00	81.00
Martin Jensen, Waxahachie, Tex. - - - - -	5.00	
Mrs. Alice Johnson, Oakland - - - - -	40.00	
W. C. Jones, Salinas - - - - -	5.00	
Wm. F. Kirkpatrick - - - - -	2.00	52.00
Walter E. Larson, Modesto - - - - -	20.00	70.00
Mrs. James McAdam, Santa Rosa - - - - -	5.00	
Mrs. Mary E. Moore, Ripon - - - - -	10.00	
R. L. Neal, Rohnerville - - - - -	10.00	
Mrs. M. Obera, Lafayette - - - - -	30.00	
Mrs. Helen C. Osborn, Alameda - - - - -	50.00	
Leonard Palmer, Burlingame - - - - -	5.00	35.00
C. R. Peterson, Santa Cruz - - - - -	50.00	180.00
Mrs. P. Poulos, San Francisco - - - - -	5.00	
Mrs. Anne Prettyman, Willits - - - - -	5.00	
R. J. Renfroe, Woodland - - - - -	25.00	
A. E. Robeck, San Jose - - - - -	25.00	
E. O. Robeck, San Jose - - - - -	100.00	200.00
C. E. Roberts, Blue Lake - - - - -	10.30	
Dan Robinson, Salida - - - - -	10.00	
Elbert A. Ross, Reno - - - - -	20.00	
E. J. Sadler, Sacramento - - - - -	18.00	138.00
Frank W. Smith, Germany - - - - -	20.00	35.00
Evelyn Stone Summers, Sacramento - - - - -	100.00	
C. R. Tucker, Fairfield - - - - -	5.00	20.00
Mrs. Wilson, Redding - - - - -	10.00	
Mrs. Carrie E. Woods, Kerman - - - - -	10.00	
John C. Wright, Jr., Watsonville - - - - -	5.00	20.00

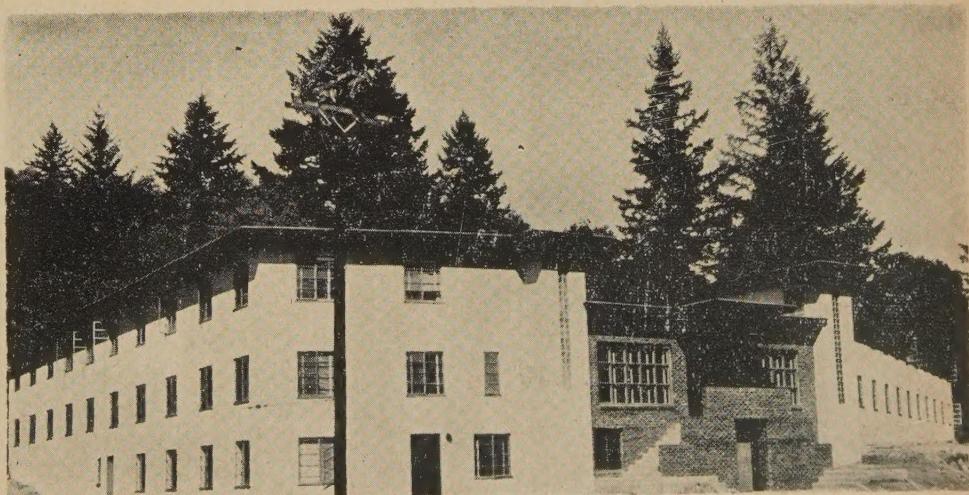
Total received September 26 to October 25 \$2,423.15

## DOLLAR DAY

Thanksgiving Offering  
in our churches  
for the new

**GLAD TIDINGS  
BIBLE INSTITUTE**

Please plan to co-operate with  
your pastor



*Letters To Young Churches* is the title of a very interesting book. It is more than just a book in the sense that it is a translation of the Scriptures as they are set forth in the Epistles. By means of modern speech which is more understandable in our day the cloke of old English is removed from these most practical letters of instruction. This work should be of great help to young people who say, "I like to read the Bible, but parts of it are hard to understand because of the old, out-dated, language."

The following examples of this modern translation's clarity are found in II Corinthians 5:17-20. "For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. All this is God's doing, for He has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ; and He has made us agents of the reconciliation. God was in Christ personally reconciling the world to Himself—not counting their sins against them—and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation. We are now CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS, as though God were appealing direct to you through us. As His personal representatives we say, 'Make your peace with God'."

Notice the words *agents, personally, representatives*. The emphasis is made clear and gives new meaning to the name *Christ's Ambassadors*. Think of it,

R. C. FULMER  
123 West St., Woodland  
President and C. A. Editor

## Quartet To Tour The District

We have been fortunate in securing a place on the 1950-51 itinerary of the Missionaires. This is the quartet which represents the National C.A. Department, traveling in the interests of the Speed-the-Light program. We are happy to tell you that they are to be with us in Northern California and Nevada for 22 days beginning on November 8th. Their itinerary is as follows.

Nov. 8 Assembly of God—Redding  
Nov. 9 Friendly Tabernacle—Rio Dell  
Nov. 10 C.A. Rally—Willits, Calif.

we are God's agents personally representing Him! We bear His name and carry His authority with His message projected through us to the hearts of men. Marvelous to say the least, but consider the responsibility. We are commissioned to be peace makers. And this is a kind of peace the world knows little about—peace with God. Yet we are to take that important in-between position to bring about individual "peace treaties" between the souls of men and their God. And He is the God of Heaven and Earth! One cannot take lightly the title of C.A. It means so very, very much.

Nov. 11-12 C.A. Convention in San Jose, Calif.

Nov. 12 P.M. First Assembly of God—Santa Cruz, Calif.

Nov. 13 C.A. Rally—Watsonville (Pajaro Full Gospel Church)

Nov. 14 Bethel Church—Modesto

Nov. 15 Assembly of God—Escalon

Nov. 16 Bethel Temple—Turlock, Calif.

Nov. 17 Rest

Nov. 18 First Assembly of God—Lodi

Nov. 19 A.M. (Lodi)

Nov. 19 P.M. Full Gospel Church—Colusa, Calif.

Nov. 20 C.A. Rally—Quincy, Calif.

Nov. 21 Assembly of God—Chico, Calif.

Nov. 22 First Assembly of God—Vallejo, Calif.

Nov. 23 Rest

Nov. 24 Full Gospel Temple—Richmond, Calif.

Nov. 25 Calvary Temple—Concord

Nov. 26. A.M. Bethel Full Gospel Church—Hayward, Calif.

Nov. 26. P.M. Calvary Temple—Oakland, Calif.

Nov. 27. C. A. Rally-Bethel Temple—Sacramento, Calif.

Nov. 28 Pentecostal Tabernacle—Madera, Calif.

Nov. 29 Rest

Nov. 30 Trinity Assembly of God—Las Vegas, Nevada

Notice: This was itinerary was compiled in early October. Check with the local pastor in the churches named above for final plans.

The boys come from all points of the compass. Warren McPherson, first tenor is from Oklahoma; John Bryant, second tenor, Virginia; Ernest Mattson, baritone Washington; and Earl "Freddie" Fertig, bass, Indiana. Accompanying the quartet as pianist and accordionist is Stanley Michael from West Virginia.

The Missionaires offer quite a varied program of solos, duets, quartets, and instrumental numbers. Their ministry has been followed by a new fervor for the Speed-the-Light cause. We trust that as they minister in our district we too shall catch a new vision and keep pressing on to speed the Light to those without Christ.

One symptom of backsliding is a lack of thankfulness.



MISSION-AIRES — 1950

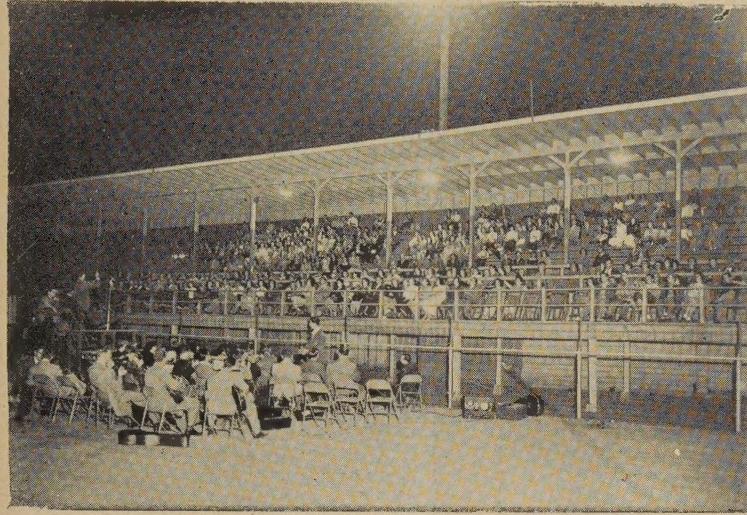
Left to right: John Bryant, Warren McPherson, Ernest Mattson, and Fred Fertig.  
Seated is Stanley Michael.

# Ambassadors

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KEITH J. HILL, Sec.-Treas.  
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Sacramento, Calif.

## Bi-Sectional Rally in Dixon



The crowd gathers at the Dixon fair grounds



Rally speaker Don Lehmann of Palo Alto

September 25 is a date our Ambassadors, young and old, will not forget.

At a special bi-sectional rally planned by Dale Lapp, Capitol sectional chairman, and Kirk Soper, North Bay sectional chairman, the Christ's Ambassadors met at the Dixon Fair Grounds. At 7:30 p.m. the young people began to gather in the grandstands, until an estimated crowd of 400 was present to hear Don Lehmann of East Palo Alto bring the message.

The setting alone was inspiring, as well as picturesque—the heavens above with its canopy of blue, and the eclipse of the moon appearing and disappearing in the clouds. We marveled at the handiwork of our God.

In front, the large North Bay section banner hung on the platform, and along the railing of the grandstand were banners from: Olivehurst, Bethel Temple, Vallejo, Woodland, Sebastopol, Santa Rosa, North Sacramento, Marysville, Auburn and the Capitol section. Sorry we didn't see more banners, though we did see the representatives.

The service got under way as Keith Hill directed the orchestra in some special music. The invocation was followed by inspirational singing led by Judson Cornwall. The folk just opened all the stops and let the songs roll out in beautiful harmony. It was fun to sing without song sheets or books for a change.

The special numbers by the girls' trio from Sacramento and the solo by Brother Lehmann left a holy hush upon the people. These songs made sacred preparation of the atmosphere for the message that followed, "Freedom Wrought in Jesus Christ."

Brother Lehmann conveyed to our hearts what appears to be developing in our individual lives and churches today: namely a tendency to follow the traditions of men and church order, rather, than the moving of the Spirit of God. Pastors and lay members alike were warned and exhorted to be individuals for God.

Reported by a Lincoln C.A.



Pictured above. A thriving, growing C. A. group, these young people of the Oroville Assembly of God. Pastor and Mrs. William S. Scott are standing at the pulpit. Mrs. Scott is the C.A. president.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

L. W. SUTER, District Sunday School Representative

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## Sunday School Convention

It will be long remembered by those who attended. Folk began arriving at Bethel Temple in Sacramento, Tuesday, October 3, for the opening of the first District Sunday school convention ever to be held in our District. The theme for the convention was *The Sunday School and the Great Commission*.

### TUESDAY EVENING

The first service began at 7:30 with the District Representative serving as chairman. Pastor Chas. Coffey of Watsonville led the song service.

The special feature of the service was a skit entitled, "The Sunday School Sluggard." Pastors Leonard Weston, Raymond Murray, Chas. Coffey, Keith Hill, and Adrian Benning played the various characters. It ended with the first four brethren carrying Brother Benning, who was the sluggard, out of the service.

Paul Copeland, our evening speaker, brought a stirring message on the subject, "A Going Sunday School Is Big Business." Everyone was thrilled with the first service. The convention was under way.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

The service began at ten o'clock with Pastor J. R. Edgar of Ukiah in charge.

The District Representative, Lionel Suter, spoke on the subject, "The Sunday school and Christian Service." His message was based on the "Go Ye" of the Great Commission.

At eleven o'clock the convention divided into groups and went to the following workshops:

Nursery-Beginner — Norma Mendenhall.

Primary—Harriet Wilson

Junior—Ernest Shores

Teen-Agers—Ferne Murray

Young People—Richard Fulmer

Adults—Thomas Mendenhall

Worship Services of the Sunday School

—J. L. Gerhart

The folk attended the workshop which dealt with the work that they were most interested in. These workshops proved to be one of the most valuable phases of the entire convention, as many problems of the local Sunday schools were dealt with and folk were encouraged to go home and accomplish the task that was theirs.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Pastor Ernest Shores of Oakland opened the afternoon session with 15 minutes of devotions after which our beloved District Superintendent, W. T. Gaston, spoke on the subject, "The Sunday school and His Presence." Brother Gaston's subject was another phase of the Great

Commission. It was an inspiring message that emphasized the need of having the anointing of the Holy Spirit on our lives if we are to accomplish the work that He has given us to do.

At 3:15 the convention again went to the workshops. The afternoon workshops dealt with the following subjects:

Administration—Paul Copeland  
Absenteeism and Follow-up—William Suter

Worker's Conferences—Wm. C. Jones  
Extension Department—Elwood Knutson

Visual Aid—Mrs. L. W. Suter

Again the reports from the delegates showed that the workshops were what their name implied.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

It was another rally service. Pastor J. L. Gerhart of Vallejo led the convention in a good rousing song service.

The special feature this evening was "The Quarterly That Talked Back." Sister Ferne Murray played the part of Sadie Sunday School Teacher, the teacher of the teen-agers in her local church. She was too tired to study and finally threw the quarterly on the floor. That was too much for the quarterly who jumped back up on the table and began to talk to Sadie Sunday School Teacher about how important the quarterly is to help her meet the needs of her pupils. Brother Lionel Suter helped the quarterly to jump up and down on the table while it talked to Sadie Sunday School Teacher. Brother Gerhart was the voice of the quarterly, and Lola Suter was the narrator. Sadie finally awoke from the dream that she was having and realized that

she had been failing her class and the Lord as a teacher.

### THURSDAY MORNING

Brother Edgar led the convention in singing and then introduced Pastor Leonard Palmer, of Burlingame, who spoke on the third phase of the Great Commission, "The Sunday School and Missions." He emphasized the need of Sunday Schools being missionary minded. He urged the schools to have the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade operating in their local churches.

We had a surprise guest in the person of Brother Ralph M. Riggs, one of our Assistant General Superintendents. He spoke to us for a few minutes before the service was turned over to Brother Copeland, who was chairman of the panel discussion. Brother Riggs was asked to sit on the panel along with the other members, who were William Suter, J. L. Gerhart, Nelson Hinman, and Lionel Suter. The questions that had been turned in by the delegates were presented to the panel for answer by way of discussion.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The chairman of the afternoon session was Pastor L. R. Anderson of Santa Rosa. The afternoon message was given by William Suter (pastor of Denver Assembly of God, Houston, Texas, and brother of your representative). His subject was the fourth phase of the Great Commission, "The Sunday School and The Teacher." He dealt with the responsibility, characteristics and duties of the Sunday school teacher.

At 3:15 the convention went back to the workshops, which dealt with the following subjects:

Teacher Training—Adrian Benning

Enlargement—William Suter

Secretaries—Charles Elmes

Publicize Your Sunday School in Your Community—Nelson Hinman

Cradle Roll Department — Medora Rogers

### THURSDAY EVENING

The last session of the Sunday school convention had arrived. It hardly seemed

On the platform  
at the Convention.

Left to right: Paul

Copeland, R. J.

Thurmond, W. T.

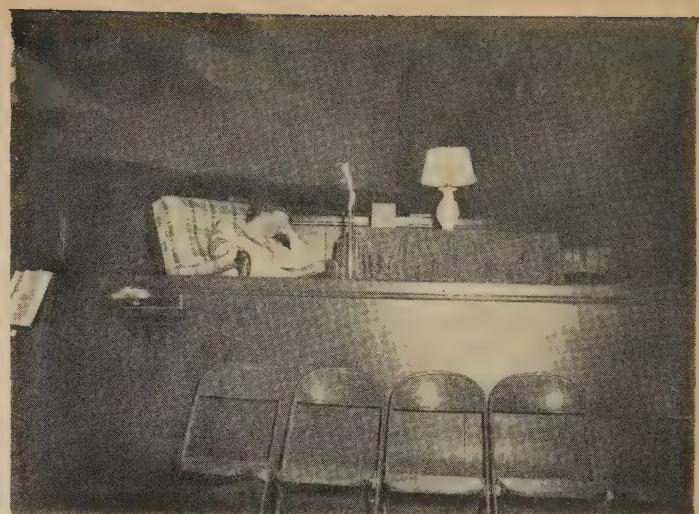
Gaston, and, at the

pulpit, L. W. Suter.





A typical scene of all the workshops at the convention. This particular workshop, on the subject of Enlargement, is being led by William Suter.



Ferne Murray as Sadie Sunday School Teacher in "The Quarterly That Talked Back," presented at the convention in Sacramento.

## The Sunday School And Christian Service

by W. L. Suter

The Great Commission was delivered to the disciples by the Lord when He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

There is a legend of a supposed conversation between Jesus and the angels of heaven at the time of the ascension. The angels asked the Lord what provision He had made for the propagation of the gospel. He replied that He had trained disciples and left them to carry on the work. The angels then asked Him what would happen if they failed in their task. The legend states that He hung his head as a look of pain crossed His face and said, "If they fail there will be no other way." We must not fail; we must go with this glorious gospel. May the Lord give us a passion for the lost today such as He experienced when he saw the multitude, scattered abroad as

possible, so wonderful had been the presence of the Lord throughout.

The song service was led by Pastor Travis Baker of Placerville. Brother Copeland brought the closing message of the convention on the subject, "Sunday School Evangelism Is Not Optional." It was the message of the hour and folk gathered around the altar for a season of consecration before leaving for their homes.

We were privileged to have Paul Copeland and William Suter as special speakers for this convention. It was estimated by several that around 750 people were in one or more of the services of the convention throughout the two days and three nights.

—L. W. Suter

sheep having no shepherd. His heart was moved with compassion and He told the disciples that the "harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Then He requested that they pray and ask the Lord to send forth laborers into the harvest.

First I would like to say:

### PASTORS—GO YE

The most effective instrument that has ever been placed in the hands of man by which he can build up the church is the Sunday school. Many times pastors have missed the opportunity of having a real work for God by not realizing the value of the Sunday school. Eighty per cent of all our church members come to us from the Sunday school. Yet the average pastor spends less than eight per cent of his time in working with the Sunday school. Have you ever wondered what would happen if the average pastor spent 50 per cent of his time working with this great feeder to the church?

The pastor should meet regularly with his superintendent to plan the work of the Sunday school. In one church the pastor and superintendent meet together every Saturday evening to discuss the plans for the next day and to work on any problem that might need their attention.

Every pastor needs to GO YE to the workers conference where he can meet with his staff of officers and teachers and plan with them for the advancement of the work of the Sunday school. The pastor is not a guest at these meetings but should take a definite part in the discussion and help to plan the work.

Pastors, watch your school on Sunday morning! See what is going on. The pur-

pose of the Sunday school is to teach the pupils the Word. Are your teachers doing that? The pastor is an administrative officer of the school and must help to supervise it.

### SUPERINTENDENTS—GO YE

With the exception of the pastor, the superintendent is the most conspicuous and important officer in the church. You are constantly before the people. You have a tremendous responsibility. The public is watching you with an eagle eye. You must live the life.

You must be a good leader. A good leader puts other people to work and stays in the background while they receive the glory for it.

You must be a diplomat. You must learn to know people and how to get along with them so that they will do the job that you want done.

You must observe the work of the teachers. One of the best ways of doing that is to visit the classes while they are in session. If your presence offends, annoys, or embarrasses the teacher or the class, if they are ill at ease in your presence, it immediately shows that you do not have the right relationship with your staff or school. One way to correct this is to commend them for the things that they are doing that is good. Many times we criticize them for the things that

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Right, Wm. L. Suter, pastor from Houston, Texas, speaking to the convention.

# Here and There

**APTOPS**—Brother Ralph Ware has resigned as pastor of the Wayside Church, which meets in Valencia Hall.

**AUBURN**—The Capital section fellowship meeting was held there October 9, with Pastor Thomas L. Mendenhall.

**BENICIA**—Evangelist J. E. Hart began a revival campaign with Pastor William Savidge on October 22. Brother Hart has spent the summer season working at the campground on the new Bible school building program.

**BIGGS**—Pastor James Reb has resigned. The new pastor is Ted C. Parker of Stockton.

**BLUE LAKE**—The Redwood section fellowship meeting was held there September 16. Brother Douglas Cooksey spoke in the afternoon, and L. W. Suter was the speaker for the evening service. Pastor Chas. E. Roberts reports it as a wonderful day of fellowship.

**BOONVILLE**—The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there October 9. Evangelist Z. P. Miller was the afternoon speaker. Brother Thurmond was the evening speaker. Pastor F. T. Alford reports: "There was an excellent spirit and good crowds and good services. A lunch was served between services." Just prior to the fellowship meeting Evangelist Miller closed a very good two weeks of revival meetings.

**CONCORD**—Pastor Emil J. Naef and family are moving into the new parsonage early this month. The new house is in Monte Gardens. The congregation has grown during the past year and has enjoyed the blessings of the Lord on its services. Calvary Temple now has a membership of 77.

**CONCORD**—Brother and Sister John T. Van Petten, both of whom are ordained and from the Kansas District, have taken over the gospel work known as God's Tabernacle, which is situated near Concord on Port Chicago Road and the No. 4 Highway. They report: "Revival fires are burning. We have had 15 saved, two filled with the precious Holy Spirit, and from 40 to 59 in Sunday school each week. We have five C. A.'s and will have more soon. This is a new work, and we praise our Lord for the great outpouring."

**CORNING**—Evangelist Walter H. Smith held a good revival campaign with Pastor Joseph Harper in October.

**COTATI**—Evangelist Vernon Murray was the afternoon speaker, and Pastor J. L. Jeffrey of Daly City was the evening speaker at the North Bay fellowship meeting held there October 16.

**ELKO**—Pastor Bernard Tewell officiated at the wedding of his son John to Faye Hage of Elko, the evening of September 1, in the First Assembly of God. Both students of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, the young

couple returned to school to finish their studies. Pastor Tewell reports: "In April the assembly purchased the former L.D.S. building, at the corner of Seventh and Idaho Streets. The church name was changed from Anchor Tabernacle to First Assembly of God. Brother and Sister Finfrock held the first meeting in the new location. Brother Harold Lehmann and family were with us one night in May. The Boardman Sisters held a successful vacation Bible school from June 26 to July 7. The Griswold Trio was here two nights in July. Brother and Sister John Kennedy were with us in August. Brother and Sister T. L. Christiansen held special meetings from August 6 to 20. And Brother and Sister Lawrence Borst were with us September 23."

**EUREKA**—Pastor Clarence J. Larson reports: "Last Sunday we commenced a Sunday school revival with Brother L. W. Suter as speaker. His ministry has already been a blessing in our midst to the extent that several telephone calls have come in regarding statements made and Scriptures used. Our Sunday school is already growing. And we have commenced a branch Sunday school at Cutten, a suburb of Eureka, and have 38 enrolled."

**FAIRFIELD**—Evangelist and Mrs. F. L. Cook held three weeks of very good revival meetings with Pastor Carl R. Tucker in October.

**HAYWARD**—Bethel Full Gospel Church enjoyed and was greatly blessed by the good revival services Evangelist Paul Gaston held there in October. The Pastor is Kenneth M. Haystead.

**HOLLISTER**—The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held there September 25. The day's services had a distinct missionary flavor inasmuch as the afternoon speaker was Lowell E. Dowdy, recently returned from Venezuela; and the evening speaker was James Adkins, who has just returned from the Philippines. Both of these missionaries gave up-to-date accounts of the work on their respective fields. The pastor of Hollister's Full Gospel Tabernacle is Sister Marion Minogue.

**KEYES**—Pastor Carl Olson reports having a good revival campaign with Brother Stewart. When he wrote the meetings were still in progress, and there had been a number at the altar for salvation and some filled with the Holy Spirit.

**LOVELOCK, NEVADA**—Several were saved in the revival meetings Evangelist and Mrs. Le Roy Christenson held there in September. The attendance at the services was very good through the campaign. The pastors are Charley and Bernice McPheeters.

**MARTINEZ**—Several were saved in the revival meetings Evangelist R. C. Aderholt held with Pastor L. L. Ferguson in October

**MODESTO (Bethel)** — Evangelist Irl Walker of Portland, Oregon, began a campaign with Pastor Donald G. Weston on October 29.

**MODESTO (South Modesto Acres)**—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there October 9. Pastor Harry Oeth reports having a good day of blessing and fellowship together. Pastor Chas. L. Elmes of Gridley spoke in the afternoon. The evening speaker was Pastor Wesley P. Steelberg of Escalon. Pastor Oeth reports having a real good meeting with Brother W. G. Cox of Springfield, Mo.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**—Since Brother and Sister R. R. Carmichael have returned to the evangelistic field, Brother Phil Lindvall, assisted by his sister Eunice, is once again pastoring the assembly he served from its beginning until he left for Southern California for further studies. Giving their full time to the work in Mountain View, Phil and Eunice are seeing the Sunday school grow, and the two busses kept busy with their many activities with the young people. Brother and Sister Carmichael left to go to Southern California in evangelistic effort.

**MORGAN HILL**—Brother E. E. Stump has resigned as pastor and has gone into evangelistic work. From Morgan Hill, he and Mrs. Stump went to Watsonville to hold meetings for Pastor Chas. Coffey of the Pajaro Full Gospel Church.

**OAKLAND (East Oakland)**—Brother C. R. Peterson has been chosen to be the new pastor of the East Oakland Full Gospel Tabernacle, on 108th Avenue, succeeding Brother Fred A. Atwell. Evangelist Dixie Thollander supplied the pulpit during the interum between pastors.

**PALO ALTO** — The Peninsula district fellowship meeting was held in Glad Tidings Tabernacle October 9. Both of the services, as well as the fellowship dinner between the meetings, were enjoyed by all who attended. Evangelist Don Carlos was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Evangelist Irl Walker of Portland, Oregon.

**PINEDALE**—Pastor Edward Byram reports: "We had a good revival with Leonard Miller and Willie Frazier of Watsonville. Some were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school attendance almost doubled what it was a year ago."

**PITTSBURG (Bella Vista)**—Evangelist and Mrs. F. L. Cook began a revival campaign October 29 with Pastor Geo. W. Clements.

**PLACERVILLE**—October 15 brought to a close nine days of very good revival meetings Evangelist Claude Wood held with Pastor Travis F. Baker.

**RIVER OAKS**—Brother Fred F. Fisher is pastoring a thriving little assembly in River Oaks, a community several miles east of Watsonville, in the Pajaro and Aromas area. From tent meetings they have moved to their new building, which though unfinished is already usable.

**SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel)**—Brother H. Wesley Cooksey, for a number of years dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute in San Francisco, held a campaign with Pastor Chas. G. Weston in October. Brother Cooksey has recently returned from three years of evangelistic meetings in England and Scotland.

**SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)**—Evangelist Gladys and Margaret Plunkett held two weeks of special meetings in the temple in early October. The pastor is L. R. Keys.

**SAN JOSE (Bethel)**—Evangelist Irl J. Walker held a campaign for Pastor E. O. Robeck for two weeks during October.

**SANTA CRUZ**—Evangelist Vernon Murray held a good revival campaign with his brother, Pastor Raymond P. Murray, in early October.

**SARATOGA**—A group of students from G.T.B.I. go regularly to the new gospel work in Saratoga to help establish an assembly there.

**SONORA**—The new pastor is Raymond Lockwood of Ceres. Brother Lockwood is a graduate of G.T.B.I., class '48. He then went to Southwestern Bible Institute for further studies, and has recently returned to California.

**TULELAKE**—The Shasta district fellowship meeting was held in Tulelake October 17. Brother Glen H. Ayers was the host pastor. The District presbyter, Albert Rowley of Weed, reports the gathering as a very good day of fellowship.

**TURLOCK**—Pastor R. Carrington reports: "We have just finished a series of revival meetings with Evangelist Kenneth Schmidt of Southern California. The meetings were a great uplift to our church. Not only were folk saved and healed and filled with the Holy Spirit, but the church itself was greatly encouraged in the Lord. This was a stirring revival. We appreciate the ministry of our Brother Schmidt."

**VALLEJO (First)**—On October 15, Evangelist Vernon Murray began a revival campaign with Pastor J. L. Gerhart.

**WALNUT CREEK**—Pastor Wm. R. Porter has resigned, the resignation becoming effective November 1.

**WATSONVILLE (Pajaro)**—Brother and Sister E. E. Stump, formerly in Morgan Hill, began meetings with Pastor Chas. Coffey October 15.

**WEOTT**—Pastor Warren Pine reports: "In the first part of October we had a very good revival in which God's blessings rested upon the services. Many outsiders attended. Brother Douglas H. Cooksey was the evangelist. We are happy that there is a steady increase in the Sunday school also." —o—

**FOR RENT**—At Bethany Park, 2-room apartment, furnished, utilities. \$30.00 Write Miles, Route 1, Box 6474, Los Gatos Highway, Santa Cruz.

#### NEW ARRIVAL

Roberta Diane, their third daughter, arrived October 11 in the home of Pastor and Mrs. C. J. Lowry of Oakland.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Pastor Fred Boring of Happy Camp is about recovered from second degree burns on his face and mild flash burns on his eyes, suffered when a gasoline lantern caught fire just after lighting it. Those who cared for him agreed that it is amazing that he was not burned more severely. The accident occurred early in October at the Cottage Grove Church before the service.

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Brother and Sister R. J. Renfroe have received full missionary appointment by the Missions Department in Springfield. They expect to continue traveling on the West Coast in missionary meetings until January, then travel eastward, holding services along the way, with the view to sailing for Liberia, West Africa, in April.

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Evangelist Z. P. MILLER has a new address. Mail will reach him at 1130 Glen Canyon Road, Route 1, Santa Cruz, Calif.

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Brother and Sister F. L. COOK, who have recently been transferred from the Southern Missouri District, are open for evangelistic meetings. Their address is Route 2, Box 1340, Rio Linda, Calif.

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Evangelist ARTHUR OTTESON has been spending the last three months building a home for his family at Bethany Park. He is back on the evangelistic field again and will be open for meetings in this District after the first of the year. His address is P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif.

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### Father Persing Passes

At the age of 88, Brother A. H. Persing, Sr., passed on to be with the Lord the morning of October 19 in the family home in Ceres. He was the father of four minister sons: C. E. Persing, Assistant District Superintendent and pastor in Richmond, A. Harold Persing, pastor in Los Gatos, Lloyd C. Persing of Modesto, and the late Donald Persing.

Brother Persing was a leader in our Pentecostal circles in the early years of our movement in Northern California. The assembly in Ceres was born of prayer meetings held in their home in 1921. He served on the church board for many years.

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The funeral service was held in the Ceres Glad Tidings church October 23, with Pastor Orville Painter and Brother Donald G. Weston participating, together with Brother Leonard Rogers, who had been as an adopted son, bringing the message.

Besides his widow and the surviving sons, Brother Persing left two daughters, Mrs. Grace Allen of Ceres, and Mrs. Lura Hart of Turlock.

## SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

### November

- 13 - Ukiah, Walnut Creek
- 20 - Sausalito
- 23 - Burney
- 27 - Watsonville (Pajaro), Blocksburg

### December

- 4 - Herlong, Oakland (Temple) Valley Springs
- 11 - Rockport
- 18 - Sebastopol
- 19 - Yreka

## A LETTER FROM ITALY

Brother and Sister Philip A. Megna have been in Europe since spring. They expect to remain in Italy for some time. They write:

"In response to calls from England, we sailed from New York April 28 to begin 10 weeks of extensive revival meetings. We visited 22 Assembly of God churches and experienced some of the most glorious meetings we've ever known. The numbers of new converts coming to the altars were most thrilling. Such prayer and seeking God, and waves of glory in song and praise. The liberty in the Spirit was wonderful. The English Pentecostal people are very hungry and responsive, and the pastors are co-operative and very appreciative of all our efforts. It was with regret we left England for other fields. We expect to return for more meetings before we sail back to the States.

"Now in Italy, we are laboring in a needy, lonely place, and we greatly desire the prayers of our District that God shall bless His Word and direct us in His ways among these desolate, lost souls of Italy."

### STAND BY

The preacher does better  
When you are there;  
'Tis hard to preach  
To an empty chair.  
But your seat is not empty  
When you're away,  
For Satan's imps  
Are there that day!  
They makes faces  
At the preacher's text.  
They nudge the folks  
Who are sitting next.  
They show them how much  
The church is down.  
And it's all because  
You're out of town.  
—Log of the Good Ship Grace

# Missions

## GOLD COAST

F. W. Thomases

(While the Andersons are learning the language, Brother and Sister Thomas are going on with the work of the Bible school at Tamale, Gold Coast, British West Africa.)

A year ago in August we arrived in the Gold Coast to begin our second term of missionary service. We immediately began preparations for the opening of the Bible Institute. First the buildings had to be completed, then courses finished in their translated form, and grain and other necessities in the diet of the African student purchased. October 3 the term began with the student body tripled in size. There are over 60 people to be taken care of, counting the men, their wives, and their children.

It may be of interest to know what courses are being given. The first year students are being taught New Testament from Matthew through Romans, Doctrine, Personal Soul Winning, Homiletics, English, and writing. The second year subjects are the New Testament from First Corinthians through Revelation, Books of the Law, Prophecy, Doctrine, Homiletics, and Pentecostal Truths. A third year course will be provided for those who successfully complete the second year subjects.

Besides the studies, each student goes to certain villages during the week for preaching and to organize Bible study classes. Handcraft classes are provided for those interested so that they may have some practical means by which to support themselves until their churches become self-supporting. Everyone is required to work some time each day except Sundays on the school farm. This will contribute a great deal to the school granary.

Revival fires are burning in various quarters of the Gold Coast. In one area the converts are being counted by the hundreds. Witch doctors by the score have thrown away their charms. One had a public burning of charms that originally cost him more than \$600. Seventy per cent of the converted have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Latest reports say that the believers in this area (Ashanti) have passed the three thousand mark. Hallelujah!

## GOLD COAST

W. W. Andersons

Our main occupation just now is learning the Dagbani. This will be our language in the future. There are several reasons why we want to learn this language well. The Dagomba people number over 225,000, but as yet they can read only three or four books of the New Testament in their own language. Our hope is that in the not too distant future they may have all the New Testament at least available to them. Pray with us that

God will give us good use of the language as we study.

We are also looking forward to working some in the Bible school at Kumbungu. This school is for the Northern Territories men who feel a call to the work of the Lord. The teaching is to be done in the Dagbani language. The school is the answer to a long-felt need and is worthy of your prayers. It is also worthy of your financial support. The students are not able to pay for their tuition and board.

Dagombas seem hard to reach with the gospel. Most of them follow Mo-

hammedan ways, and they are of the belief that God is for the white man and that Allah is the way for the black man. Pray with us that God will raise up workers equipped with power for the harvest.

PLEASE NOTE: The mailing address of the Wheeler Andersons and the Floyd Thomases is P. O. Box 2, Tamale, N. T., Gold Coast, British West Africa.

## Home From the Field

Sister Robert B. Thomas is home from their mission station in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As soon as the current school year is over, Brother Thomas will come home for furlough. He is expected before District Council in January.

## W. M. C. Rallies Hear and Help Missionaries

Sectional Women's Missionary Council rallies are doing much to inspire interest in the missionaries. Every group that participates in a missionary shower will have a living, vital interest in that missionary because its members have seen and heard the missionary and given of the work of their hands to the missionary. Such a rally was held in Ukiah, and a shower of household articles and clothing was given to Brother and Sister Harold Lehmann and family, who are returning to their field of labor in Gold Coast, West Africa.

Mrs. J. R. Edgar, sectional director for Lake and Mendocino section reports: "Brother and Sister Lehmann and children were guest speakers in the afternoon service, all wearing African costumes. In the evening Brother Lehmann spoke. They all sang African choruses and specials. Also some pictures of the field were shown. Each church represented brought handwork and clothing which was displayed in the afternoon and presented to them in the evening. The entire day was marked by the presence of the Lord in a very outstanding way."

A well attended afternoon rally was held at First Church, Oakland, with Mrs. Margaret Erickson of Los Angeles, former W.M.C. president from Southern California district, guest speaker. Groups represented were from the Northern Bay, Peninsula, North San Joaquin and East Bay sections. Some lovely gifts were presented to the R. I. Renfroes, including a set of eight of Queen Bess silverware from the Peninsula section. The women have been saving coupons since camp-meeting. Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson was in charge of the rally.

Coast Counties held a W.M.C. rally at Bethel Church in Watsonville, where a missionary shower was given to Brother and Sister Lowell Dowdy, Jonathan, Virla Mae and Joann. They have recently returned from Venezuela, South America. The two girls, who are attending

G.T.B.I., gave the missionary children's viewpoint of the mission field in the morning service, and they sang several numbers. Brother and Sister Dowdy gave interesting accounts of their work in the afternoon service. A home on the campground has graciously been opened to the Dowdys where they can be reached for missionary or W.M.C. meetings.

One week end I went with Brother Thurmond to the Sacramento Valley section and spoke in behalf of the W.M.C. at Durham and Gridley and at the fellowship meeting at Paradise, where the women got together for a time of reports and discussion. Mrs. Ben Givens of Live Oak, who is also the sectional director, told of the blessing and joy received by the Live Oak group as they worked on the 1,000 cans of peaches for the Bible school. These, by the way are already delivered and have been sampled. Good reports! Other foods were to be gathered at Gridley and when a large enough amount comes in the camp truck will be sent there.

Another week end was spent in the Lake and Mendocino section. A W.M.C. meeting was called between services at the fellowship meeting held at Boonville, and the discussion period was profitable. The Ukiah women are doing a splendid work and a second, and possibly a third, group will be organized there. A W.M.C. is in the making at Fort Bragg, and Boonville is reorganizing. These two places could use some quilt pieces and other things to work on. The women in these smaller communities need the fellowship and find it an excellent opportunity to get friends acquainted with the church.

Our European Relief representative, Brother G. Kinderman writes regarding the clothing gathered at District Council and sent to Europe: "I am very glad to be able to tell you that everything arrived in good order. The distribution of the shipment is now being processed. The two boxes of shoes were sent to

## HIS BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

His spouse is portrayed as a garden  
Where the pomegranates bud and grow,  
A fountain of gardens well watered  
Where the streams from Lebanon flow.

HIS bride is as fair as a lily,  
Her love is far better than wine;  
Her lips are like threads of scarlet,  
The words of her mouth are sublime.  
She's the choice one of her mother,  
In Him she is made complete;  
Her robes have the perfume of Lebanon,  
And how beautiful are her feet.

Her Beloved walked through His garden  
Mid the trees of cypress and fir;  
Honeycomb He ate with His honey,  
And gathered His spices with myrrh.

HE came to His beautiful garden,  
To the beds of spices to feed,  
And also to gather His lilies  
A Blessed Beloved indeed.  
The rain He sent in its season,  
The former and latter rain;  
Rejoice, O ye children of Zion,  
Let us sing this blessed refrain.

The latter rain truly is falling,  
Refreshing His garden so fair,  
Preparing His spouse for that wedding  
That's soon to take place in the air.

The clock of the ages is striking,  
The time is almost here;  
So lift up your heads all ye ransomed,  
Your redemption is drawing near.

—LILLIE BUFFUM

Brother Lehman, pastor of the church in Berlin, where it will be distributed to the most needy. The bales were sent to pastors in the British and American Zones, the list of which will be submitted to you very shortly. You will be receiving letters of acknowledgement from these pastors as well as from individual believers. We are very grateful for your interest. I am sure that the Lord will reward each and everyone according to His riches in glory.

"Until very recently, we were of the opinion that up to October 1 it would be impossible to send shipments to Germany free of duty. Word just reached us that we can continue to direct relief shipment to that country. It is being solicited because the needs are still great especially among the millions of refugees who are unable to secure work."

Another shipment of 10 or 12 bales of clothing is being processed now. This clothing was gathered through the efforts of Brother Skultety of San Rafael Assembly and his faithful W.M.C. group.

Our linen shower was such a blessing to so many last District Council. Let's make it a bigger and better one this

## THANKS FOR SUPPLIES SENT TO THE SCHOOL

(*The cook is in the best position to know what has come in and how it is used; so we will let the words of Sister Alice Rice, our able cook in G.T.B.I., express the gratitude of students and staff for the foodstuffs sent in to supplement the regular supplies and to help save on the cost of feeding such a large family.*)

We would like to send a word of appreciation to the people and churches who have sent groceries to G.T.B.I. this fall. Hardly a day has passed but what we have used something in one or more meals—apples from Healdsburg for deep apple pie, or sauce; dried figs and prunes from Oroville; canned prunes from Three Springs; potatoes and lettuce from Watsonville; celery, onions, carrots, lettuce from Salinas; canned fruit and vegetables, jams and jellies and pickles from Corning, Vallejo, Escalon, Turlock, Santa Cruz, Morgan Hill, San Jose, Live Oak, and other places we may not have record of. A number of boxes of fruit have been brought when no one was in to take down the name of the church sending them.

We are just finishing the walnuts that came from Morgan Hill last year. The groceries they and other churches sent last year were such a blessing and added variety to the meals. One year previous we had a ton of rice given to us. We certainly had rice all year and gave some to missionaries going to China, for we had more than we could keep stored.

The students certainly enjoyed pie the first week of school. So many came in for the dinner the day of the dedication, September 18. There was no turkey left over for the students, but they ate pie for almost a week afterwards—we can keep food a long time in the big walk-in refrigerator.

These supplies are a great factor in helping to keep the cost of meals down. We appreciate them.

—Alice Rice

And everyone in any way connected with the Bible school says AMEN.

January for our out-going missionaries and for orphanages and Bible schools.

By the time this reaches you, your home missionary Christmas boxes should have been mailed, especially those containing gifts for the Sunday school children, so that the workers will know what they will have on hand to give out. If you should have some not mailed, drop a note in the mail immediately letting them know the gifts are on the way. We must not let the workers down in these smaller places; they need our prayers and help. I appreciate the many letters and cards that have come in telling me about your projects. God bless you!

—MRS. R.J.T.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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they aren't doing, but never mention the good things that they are doing. Become a real friend to them. Make them to realize that you are there to help them.

If the teacher is querulous, vague in her questions, uninventive in methods of presentation, it is the responsibility of the superintendent to suggest tactfully ways to remedy the situation. One way to do this is to have a good library with good books on administration, methods and principles of instruction, child psychology, departmental books, etc. When a teacher is in need of help give him a book that will deal with the subject and as he reads it he will begin to see the need for himself.

Another way to deal with the problem is for each superintendent to have a counseling ministry for his teachers and officers. In order to do this the superintendent will have to have a well rounded knowledge of the work of the Sunday school, a sympathetic and understanding heart for the teacher, a love for the pupils of his school, and God-given wisdom to deal with the various problems. The teachers will come to the superintendent readily with their problems as soon as the superintendent proves his ability to really help them over the hard places.

### TEACHERS—GO YE

You are a shepherd for every pupil in your class. It is your responsibility to lead them to green pastures, to the cool waters, and to shady places where they can rest their weary souls. You can mold the character and guide the souls of every one of those pupils if you will apply yourself to the task.

The story is told of a teacher who realized that her task was of vital importance. She took it as a God-given ministry and applied herself, taking advantage of every opportunity that presented itself. It was not just a Sunday morning affair with her, but a continuous job that lasted seven days a week. As a result of her work in that Sunday school class, four of the pupils became missionaries with a world-wide reputation for their labors on the mission field.

One day a traveling salesman was saved in one of our Assembly of God churches and later on was given a class of young men. His passion for these young men was so great that he looked upon everyone of them as prospective preachers. He spent hours with them during the week studying the Bible, teaching them the art of salesmanship, how to conduct services, etc. As a result of his work six of them became preachers of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Just one more thing. May I urge you to "GO YE".

# Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## Israel To Celebrate The 3000th Anniversary

In the Spring of 1952 Israel plans to celebrate the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem as its capitol. Every effort will be made before that time to bring about an international arrangement whereby Jerusalem will be recognized as Israel's capital.

## Man Never Learned To Live With Self

"It is a matter of colossal and tragic irony that man with all his genius has never learned how to live with himself, has not mastered the art of human relations," - says Dr. Ralph Bunche, director, U.N. Dept. of Trusteeships.

## Latest Report on Israel Immigration

72,500 have come in so far in 1950 (up to July 1); 413,500 since Israel became a state. There are now 648 settlements in Israel, 232 set up since statehood.

## Korean Revival

Just before war broke out, Seoul, Korea, reported 2,000 decisions for Christ in the Bob Pierce-Gill Dodds meetings there. Enthusiastic converts' classes were being held. There were 800 decisions for salvation at the Engineering University.

## West Must Reembrace Religion

Arnold J. Toynbee, famed British historian, says the challenge of Communism can be beaten down if the western world sincerely reembraces religion and abandons the confinement of nationalism. The author said Communism has spread into the western world by default. "We must become religious minded again as we have not been for the last 250 years. We have for one quarter of a millennium stood for technology rather than religion and now we must reverse that course and it will not be easy," he pointed out.

Toynbee feels confident some power will establish a world government pretty soon and adds: "If World War III should arrive the whole machine would be unable to stand the pressure; we would all lie down before any world power that seemed likely to save the world."

If the western world cannot, or does not, unite the world, the Russians will, Toynbee warned, and asked: "Our choice is obvious. Around what center do we want the world to crystalize? Around the Soviet Union or the United States?"

Israel is soon to open a road to bring potash products of the Dead Sea from Sodom. It will run to Beersheba. By giving an outlet for the Palestine Potash Company's output, which is entirely within Israel's borders, it will help to bring prosperity.

## Vast Russia, But Few Automobiles

"Although Russia has a population of 196,000,000 and stretches 6,000 miles

from sea to sea, there are not as many automobiles in all Russia as there are in Kansas City, Missouri—Donald Kehl, Ass't Gen'l Counsel, Ford Motor Co.

## Missionary Problem

A recent piece of legislation in the Philippines poses a real problem for many missionaries. It places a tax of \$50 per person on all aliens now in the islands, including children, with a yearly renewal fee of \$10.00. Missionaries with children find this is heavy tax and in case they cannot meet it, they will be expelled. Special prayer is being asked by Christian organizations, that these needs may be met or the law withdrawn.

## Religious Illiterates

"What does this college generation actually know about the rudiments of the Hebrew-Christian tradition?" To this question an article in the Christian Century last week answered: "It is almost illiterate."

R. Frederick West, who has taught religion in Texas Christian University, Lynchburg College, Va. and Wabash College, Ind., examined "nearly 2,000 students in both church and non-church colleges." More than half of them, he reported ruefully, spell "prophet" as "prof-it."

Almost all had a religious background; in a typical group of 83 in a non-church college only three had none. Of the others, 68 were Protestants, eleven Roman Catholics and one Greek Orthodox. Yet only four of the 83 could list all of the Ten Commandments; 70 could not name the four Gospels; 74 could not describe "even approximately" what Jesus stressed as the two greatest commandments.

To reach postwar college students, religion "must begin from scratch," concludes Professor West. He believes that that is perfectly practical. Of the typical college student he writes: "His image of God is vague. But his hunger and thirst after righteousness and the things of the Spirit are deep, even if confused. The Bible is a strange new Book of Life to him. When he has a chance to read it with self-criticism and with Christian guidance, he is fascinated with it and with its lasting insights and demands. In spite of his religious illiteracy, which mirrors our culture and tends to blur his vision of the "things which are God's, he is uneasy about the "things which are Caesar's . . ." His spiritual errors and ignorance often come more from his head than from his heart. Throwing the Bible at him will not heal his hurt, but opening the Book to him might help."

## Crime and the Sunday School

In a recent publication J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director, said: "The criminal is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to know God, love Him, and serve Him. More than one half of all crimes against property during 1946 were committed by persons under 25 years of age. . . . After reviewing thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI, I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which if not checked will plunge us headlong into national decadence. The first is the failure of the home itself, and second our national indifference toward evil influence in our life which are beyond the immediate control of parents. Criminals are not born. They are the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. . . . Sunday schools can do much, are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters. The boys and girls who have gone to Sunday school have been well prepared for the entire span of life. Religion to a boy or girl becomes a reality based on love and not on fear. . . . I would like to pay tribute to the thousands of men and women who are serving unselfishly as teachers in our Sunday schools.

## THE THINGS WE CAN'T AFFORD

We can't afford to win the gain  
That means another's loss;  
We can't afford to miss the crown  
By stumbling at the cross.  
We can't afford the heedless jest  
That robs us of a friend;  
We can't afford the laugh that finds  
In bitter tears an end.  
We can't afford the feast today  
That brings tomorrow's fast;  
We can't afford the farce that comes  
To tragedy at last.  
We can't afford to play with fire  
Or tempt a serpent's bite;  
We can't afford to think that sin  
Brings any true delight.  
We can't afford for hate to give  
Like hatred in return;  
We can't afford to feed such flame  
And make it fiercer burn.  
We can't afford to lose the soul  
For this world's fleeting breath;  
We can't afford to barter life  
In mad exchange for death.  
But blind to good we are apart  
From Thee, all-seeing Lord;  
Oh, grant us light that we may know  
The things we can't afford.

—Selected

A year from now, what will you wish you had done today?